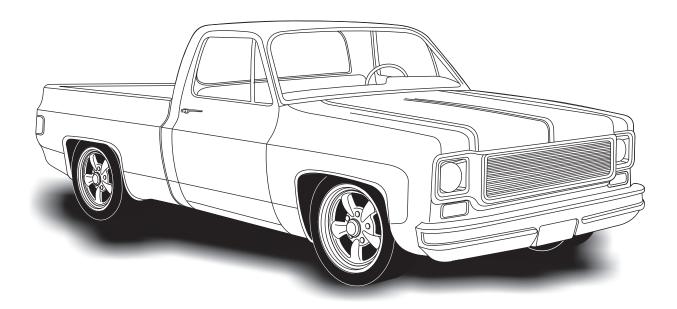


1981-87 Chevrolet Pickup with Factory Air

with Factory Air Gen 5 Evaporator Kit (755621)

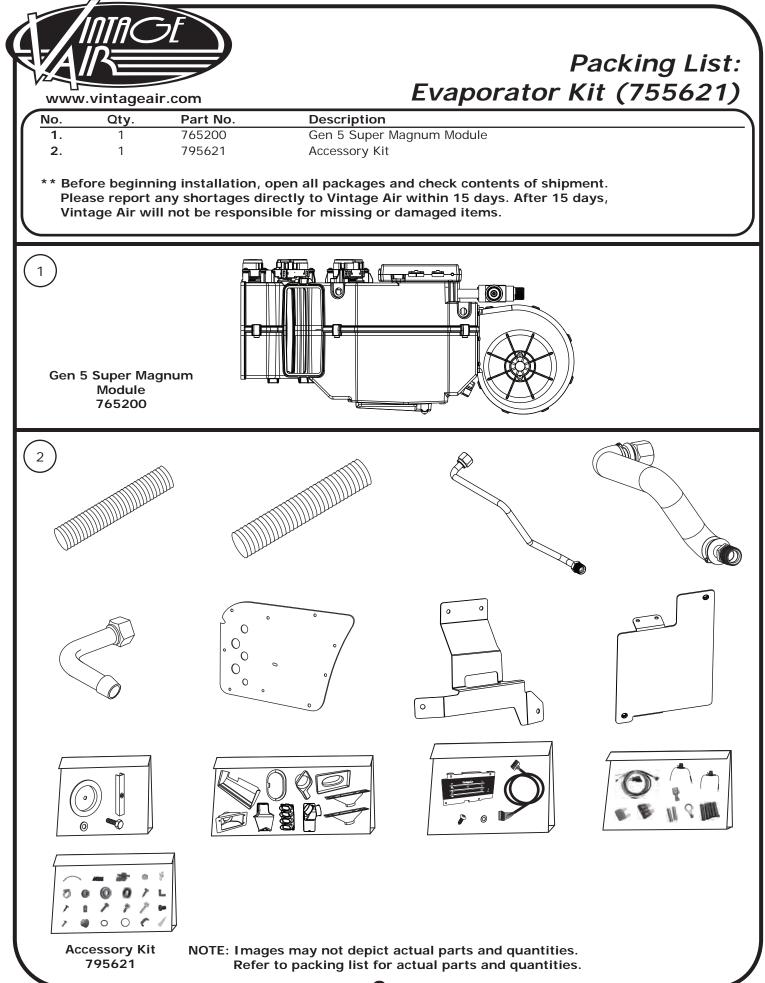


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Important Notice—Please Read

For Maximum System Performance, Vintage Air Recommends the Following:

NOTE: Vintage Air systems are designed to operate with R134a refrigerant only. Use of any other refrigerant could damage your A/C system and/or vehicle, and possibly cause a fire, in addition to potentially voiding the warranties of the A/C system and its components.

Refrigerant Capacities:

Vintage Air System: 1.8 lbs. (28.8 oz.) or 816 grams of **R134a**, charged by weight with a quality charging station or scale. **NOTE: Use of the proper type and amount of refrigerant is critical to system operation and performance.**

Other Systems: Consult manufacturer's guidelines.

Lubricant Capacities:

New Vintage Air-Supplied Sanden Compressor: No additional oil needed (Compressor is shipped with proper oil charge).

All Other Compressors: Consult manufacturer (Some compressors are shipped dry and will need oil added).

Safety Switches

Your Vintage Air system is equipped with a binary pressure safety switch. A binary switch disengages the compressor clutch in cases of extreme low pressure conditions (refrigerant loss) or excessively high head pressure (406 PSI) to prevent compressor damage or hose rupture. A trinary switch combines Hi/Lo pressure protection with an electric fan operation signal at 254 PSI, and should be substituted for use with electric fans. Compressor safety switches are extremely important since an A/C system relies on refrigerant to circulate lubricant.

Service Info:

Protect Your Investment: Prior to assembly, it is critical that the compressor, evaporator, A/C hoses and fittings, hardlines, condenser and receiver/drier remain capped. Removing caps prior to assembly will allow moisture, insects and debris into the components, possibly leading to reduced performance and/or premature failure of your A/C system. This is especially important with the receiver/drier.

Additionally, when caps are removed for assembly, **BE CAREFUL!** Some components are shipped under pressure with dry nitrogen.

Evacuate the System for 35-45 Minutes: Ensure that system components (Drier, compressor, evaporator and condenser) are at a temperature of at least 85°F. On a cool day, the components can be heated with a heat gun *or* by running the engine with the heater on before evacuating. Leak check and charge to specifications.

Bolts Passing Through Cowl and/or Firewall:

To ensure a watertight seal between the passenger compartment and the vehicle exterior, for all bolts passing through the cowl and/or firewall, Vintage Air recommends coating the threads with silicone prior to installation.

Heater Hose (not included with this kit):

Heater hose may be purchased from Vintage Air (Part#31800-VUD) or your local parts retailer. Routing and required length will vary based on installer preference.



Important Wiring Notice—Please Read

Some vehicles may have had some or all of their radio interference capacitors removed. There should be a capacitor found at each of the following locations:

- 1. On the positive terminal of the ignition coil.
- 2. If there is a generator, on the armature terminal of the generator.
- 3. If there is a generator, on the battery terminal of the voltage regulator.

Most alternators have a capacitor installed internally to eliminate what is called "whining" as the engine is revved. If whining is heard in the radio, or just to be extra cautious, a radio interference capacitor can be added to the battery terminal of the alternator.

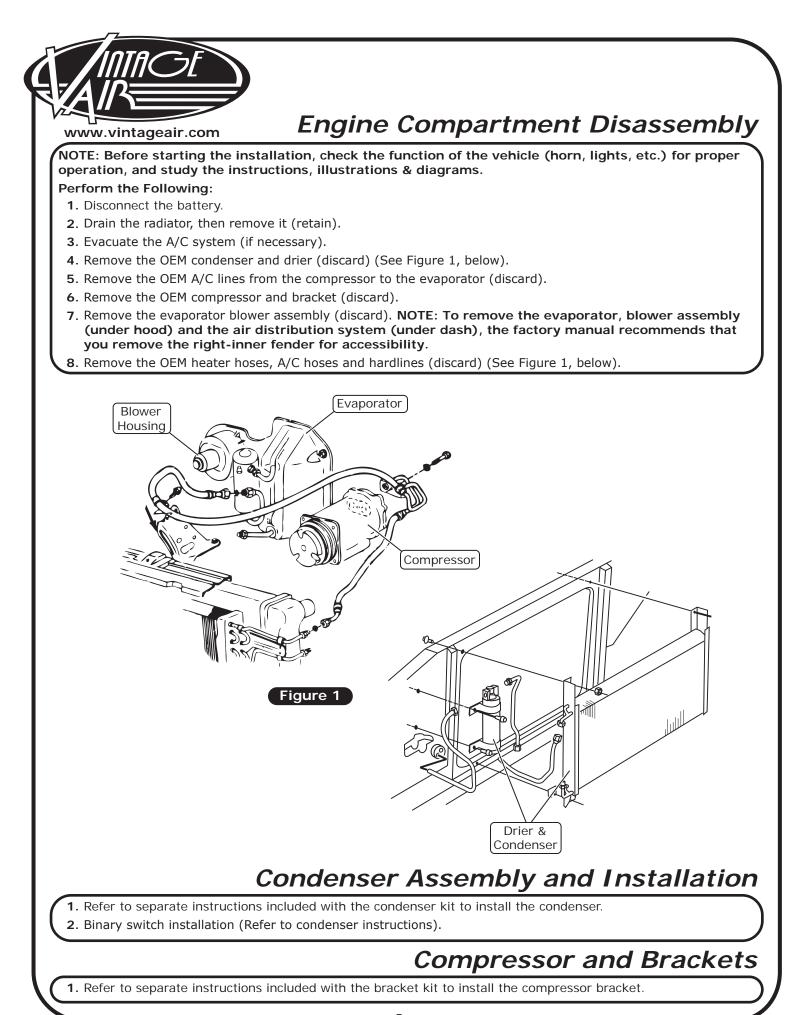
It is also important that the battery lead is in good shape and that the ground leads are not compromised. There should be a heavy ground from the battery to the engine block, and additional grounds to the body and chassis.

If these precautions are not observed, it is possible for voltage spikes to be present on the battery leads. These spikes come from ignition systems and charging systems, and from switching some of the vehicle's other systems on and off. Modern computer-operated equipment can be sensitive to voltage spikes on the power leads, which can cause unexpected resets, strange behavior and/or permanent damage.

Vintage Air strives to harden our products against these types of electrical noise, but there is a point where a vehicle's electrical system can be degraded so much that nothing can help.

Radio interference capacitors should be available at most auto and truck parts suppliers. They typically are cylindrical in shape, a little over an inch long and a little over a half-inch in diameter, and they have a single lead coming from one end of the cylinder with a terminal on the end of the wire, as well as a mounting clip which is screwed into a good ground on the vehicle. The specific value of the capacitance is not too significant in comparison to ignition capacitors that are matched with the coil to reduce pitting of the points.

- Care must be taken, when installing the compressor lead, not to short it to ground. The compressor lead must not be connected to a condenser fan or to any other auxiliary device. Shorting to ground or connecting to a condenser fan or any other auxiliary device may damage wiring or the compressor relay, and/or cause a malfunction.
- When installing ground leads on Gen 5 systems, the blower control ground and ECU ground must be connected directly to the negative battery post.
- For proper system operation, the heater control valve must be connected to the ECU.



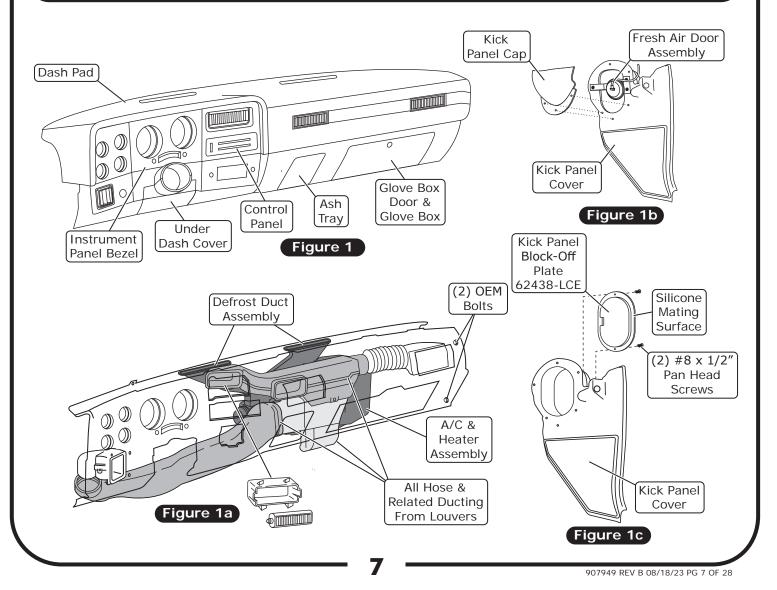
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Passenger Compartment

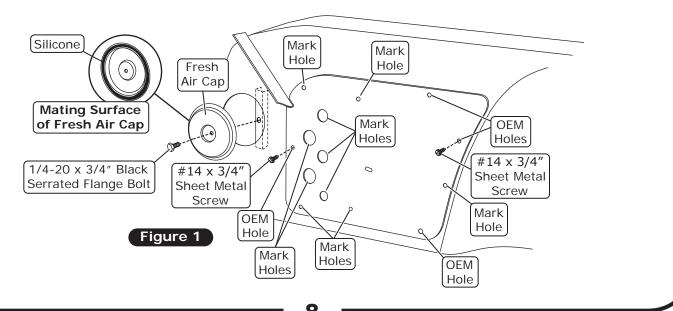
NOTE: For ease of installing the evaporator under the dash, it may be helpful to remove the (2) OEM bolts under the dash on the passenger-side door pillar and pull back the dash. Perform the Following: 1. Remove the glove box door and glove box assembly (retain) (See Figure 1, below).

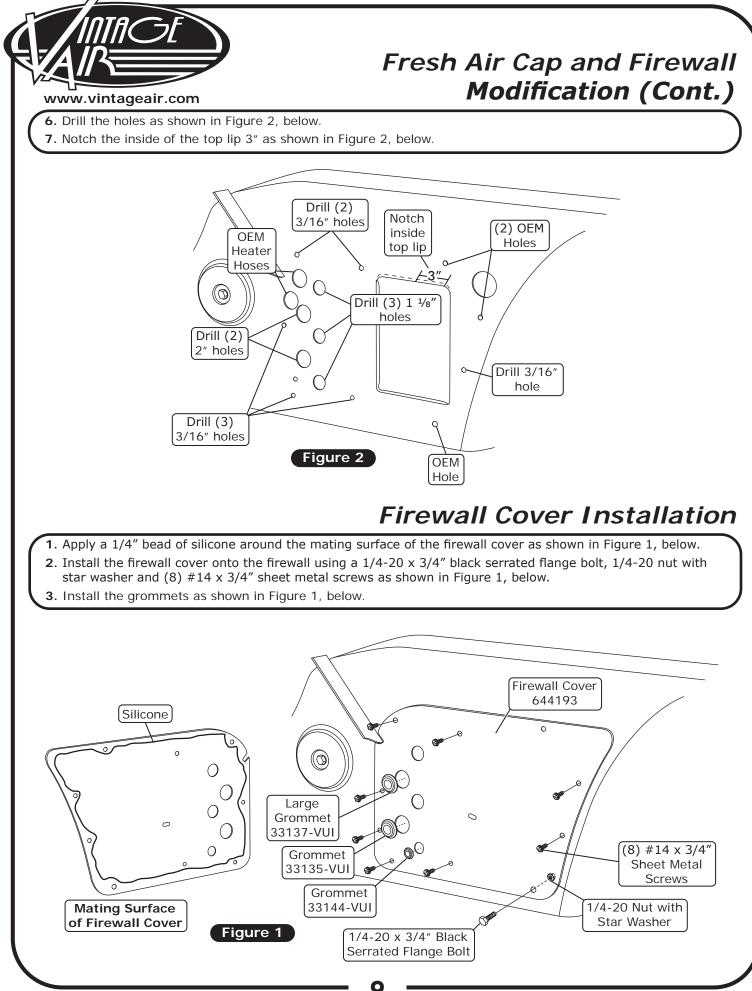
- 2. Remove the under dash steering column cover (retain) (See Figure 1, below).
- 3. Remove the instrument panel bezel (retain).
- 4. Remove the dash pad (retain) (See Figure 1, below).
- 5. Disconnect all the wires and cables from the control panel.
- 6. Remove the control panel (discard). Refer to the control panel kit instructions.
- 7. Remove the ash tray (retain).
- 8. Remove all the hose and ducting from the OEM louvers (See Figure 1a, below).
- 9. Remove the A/C & heater assembly (discard) (See Figure 1a, below).
- 10. Remove the defrost duct assembly (discard) (See Figure 1a, below).
- 11. Remove the passenger-side kick panel assembly (retain kick panel cover & kick panel cap, but discard the door and actuator) (See Figure 1b, below).
- 12. Apply a 1/4" bead of silicone onto the mating surface of the kick panel block-off plate.
- 13. Install the kick panel block-off plate using (2) #8 x 1/2" pan head screws (See Figure 1c, below).

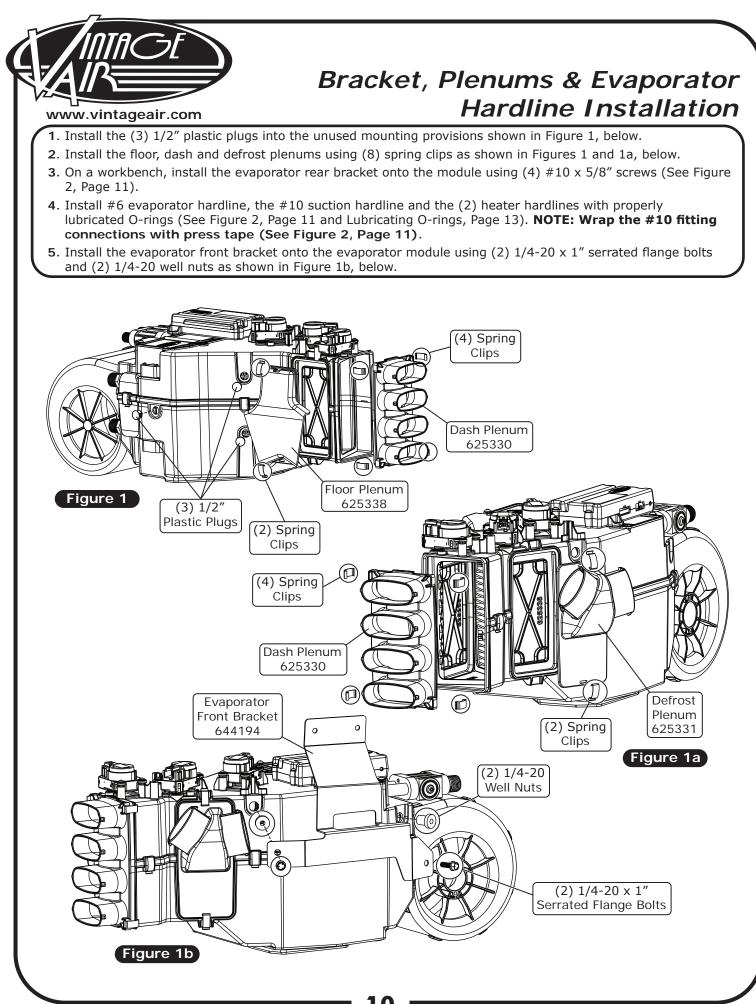


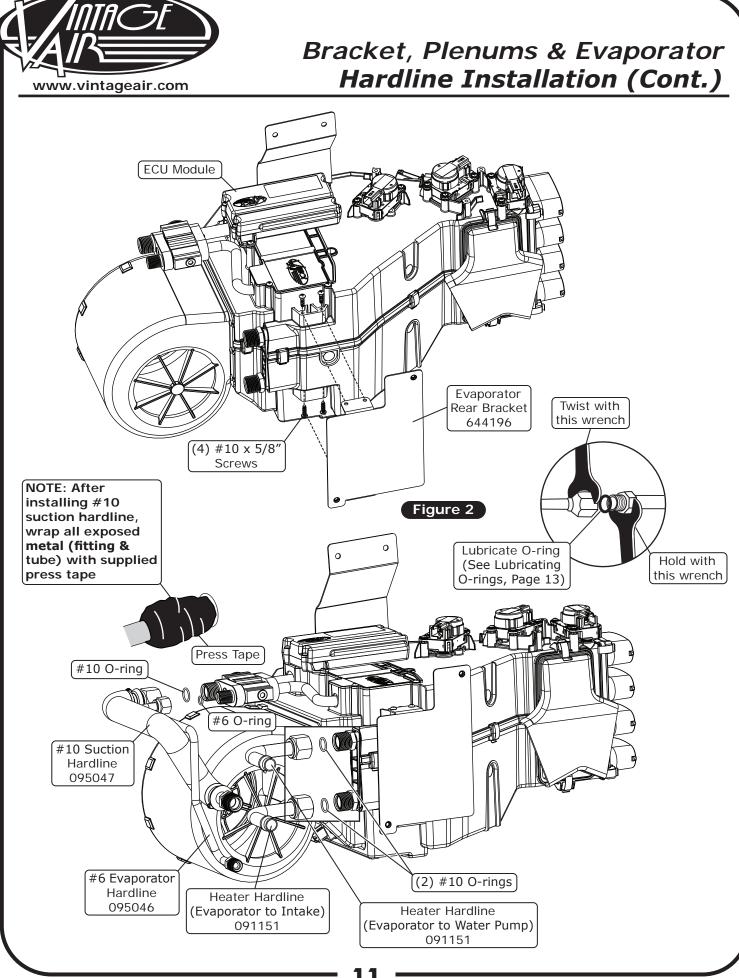
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- **1.** Apply a 1/4" bead of silicone around the mating surface of the fresh air cap as shown in Figure 1, below.
- **2.** Install the fresh air cap onto the firewall using a $1/4-20 \times 3/4''$ black serrated flange bolt (See Figure 1, below).
- Place the firewall cover onto the firewall, then secure it using (2) #14 x 3/4" sheet metal screws as shown in Figure 1, below.
- 4. Using the firewall cover as a template, mark the holes onto the firewall as shown in Figure 1, below.
- 5. Remove the firewall cover.







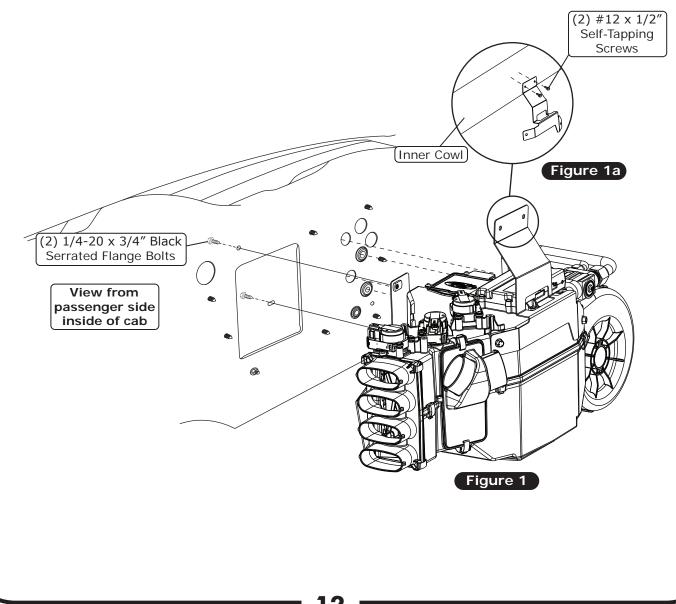


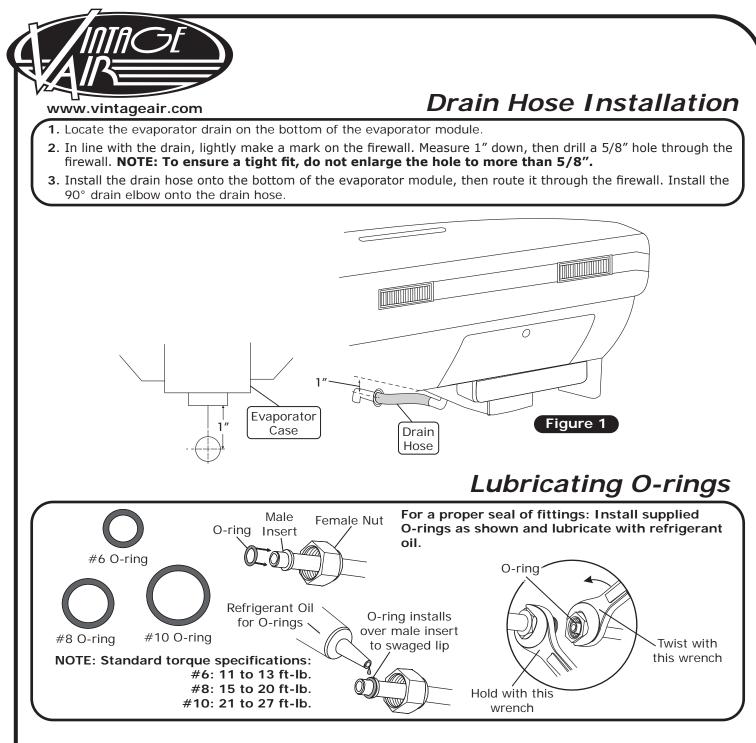


NOTE: To ensure a watertight seal between the passenger compartment and the vehicle exterior, for all bolts passing through the firewall, Vintage Air recommends coating the threads with silicone prior to installation.

- Lift the evaporator module up under the dashboard. Secure it loosely to the firewall using (2) 1/4-20 x 3/4" black serrated flange bolts (See Figure 1, below). NOTE: To ensure proper drainage, it is very important that the evaporator is level, both left-right and fore-aft. Check for level on the flat portions of the case around the drain.
- **2.** Using (2) $\#12 \times 1/2''$ self-tapping screws, secure the evaporator front mounting bracket to the cowl (See Figure 1a, below).
- **3.** Verify the evaporator unit is level and square to the dash; then tighten all mounting bolts. **NOTE: Tighten the bolt on the firewall first. Then tighten the front mounting bracket.**
- 4. Reinstall the (2) OEM bolts under the dash on the passenger-side door pillar.

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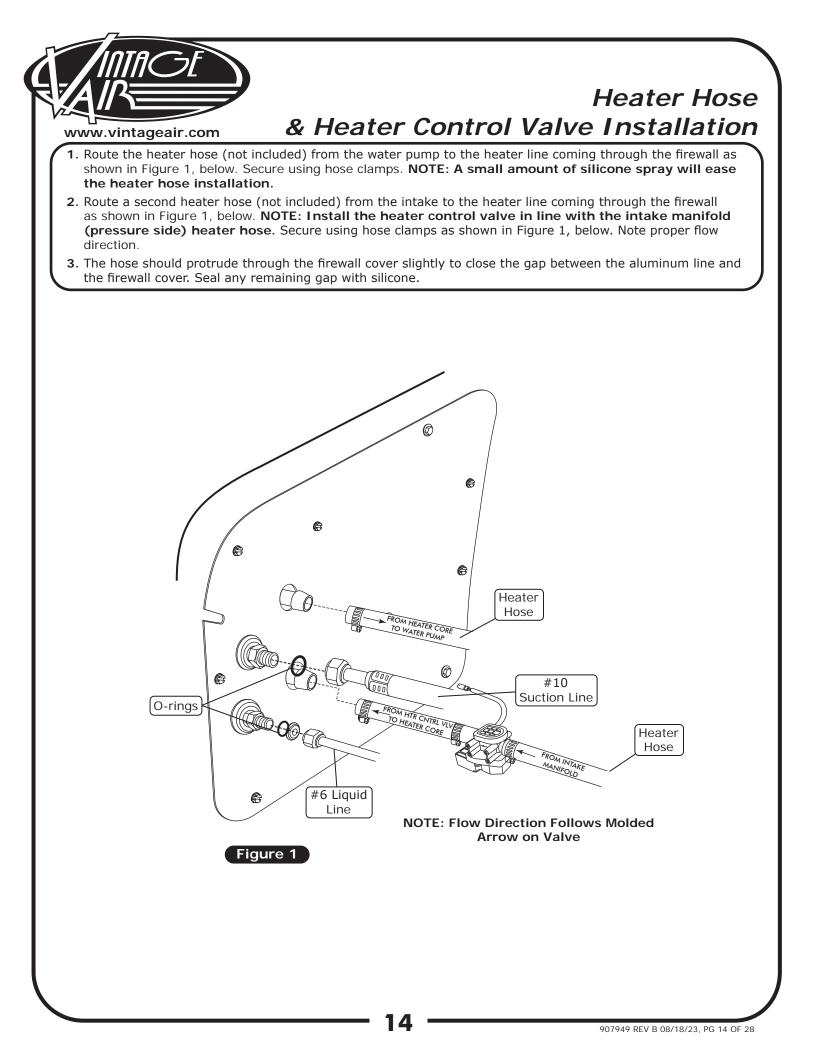
A/C Hose Installation

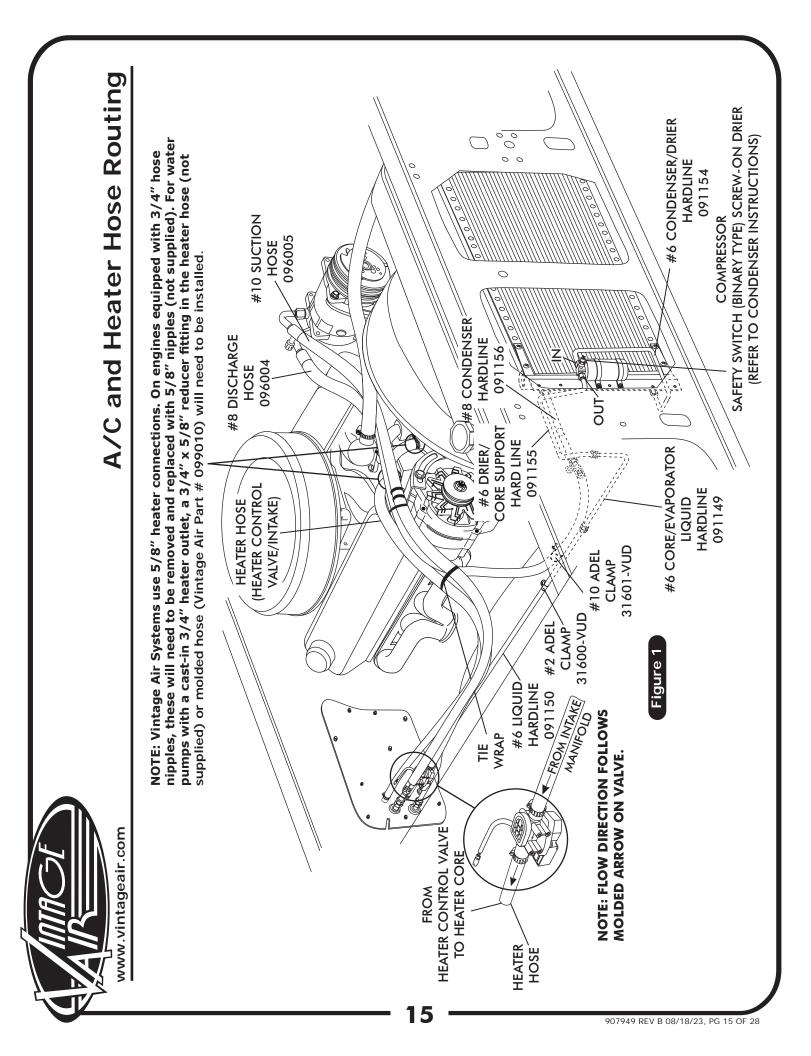
Standard Hose Kit:

- Locate the #8 compressor A/C hose. Lubricate (2) #8 O-rings (See Lubricating O-rings, above) and connect the 90° female fitting to the #8 discharge port on the compressor. Then route straight female fitting with service port to the #8 condenser hardline coming through the core support (See Figure 1, Page 15). Tighten each fitting connection as shown in Lubricating O-rings, above.
- 2. Locate the #10 compressor A/C hose. Lubricate (2) #10 O-rings (See Lubricating O-rings, above) and connect the #10 135° female fitting with service port to the #10 suction port on the compressor. Then route the straight female fitting to the #10 suction hardline (See Figure 1, Page 14 and Figure 1, Page 15). Tighten each fitting connection as shown in Lubricating O-rings, above.
- 3. Install the #6 Liquid hardline as shown in Figure 1, Page 15.

Modified Hose Kit:

1. Refer to separate instructions included with modified hose kit.



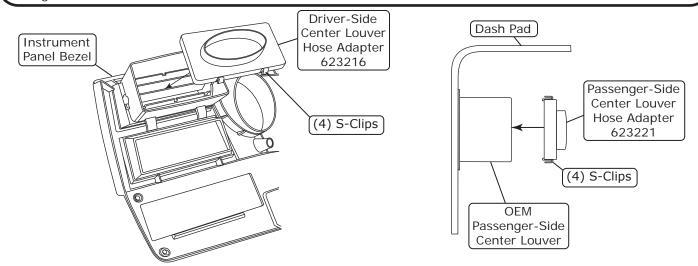


Driver- and Passenger-Side Center Louver Hose Adapter Installation

1. Install (4) S-clips onto the driver-side center louver hose adapter (See Figure 1, below).

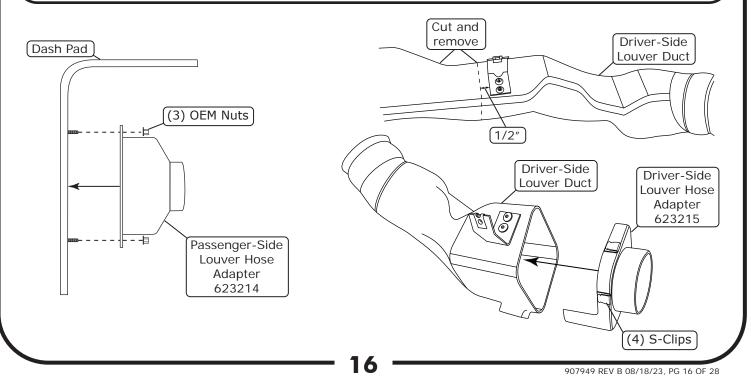
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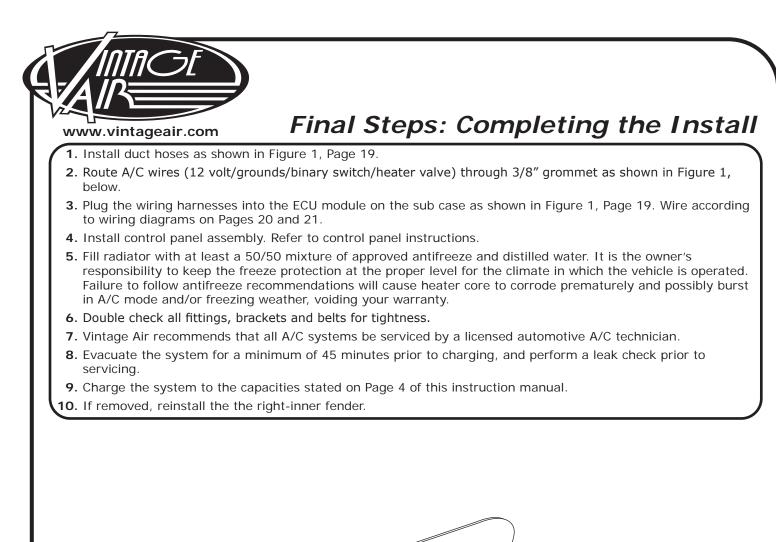
- Install the driver-side center louver hose adapter into the center louver as shown in Figure 1, below.
- **3.** Install (4) S-clips onto the passenger-side center louver hose adapter (See Figure 1a, below).
- 4. Install the passenger-side center louver hose adapter into the OEM passenger-side center louver as shown in Figure 1a, below.

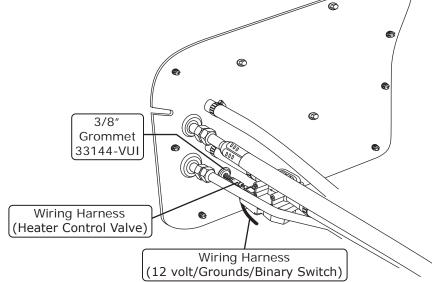


Driver- and Passenger-Side Louver Hose Adapter Installation

- 1. Remove the OEM passenger-side hose adapter from the dash pad (discard) (retain (3) OEM nuts).
- 2. Install the passenger-side louver hose adapter onto the dash pad using (3) OEM nuts (See Figure 1, below).
- $\ensuremath{\textbf{3.}}$ Cut and remove the driver-side louver duct as shown in Figure 1a, below.
- 4. Install (4) S-clips onto the driver-side louver hose adapter as shown in Figure 1a, below.
- 5. Install the driver-side louver hose adapter into the driver-side louver duct as shown in Figure 1a, below.









Final Steps: Installation Check

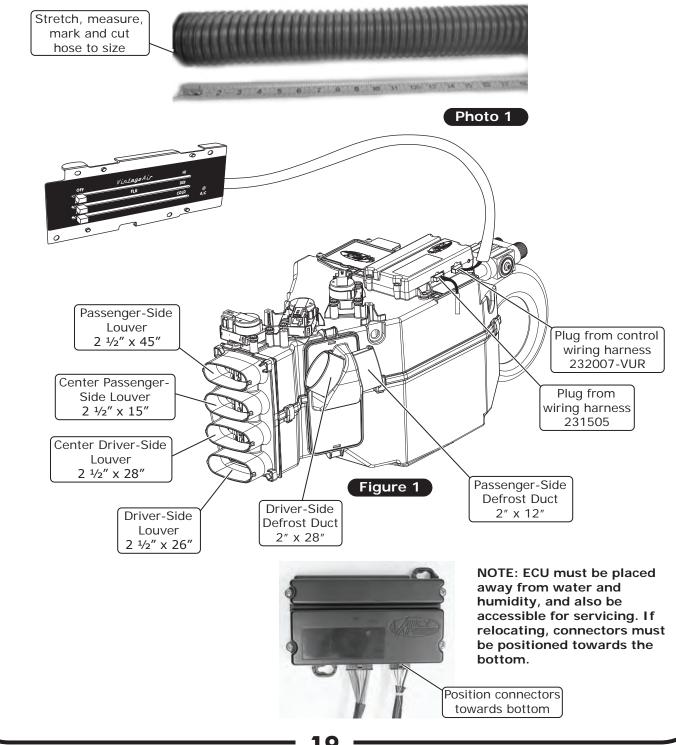
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ITE	ITEM TO CHECK	Procedure
	ECU	If no blinking is observed after 1 minute of turning the ignition on, go to the next check. If repetetive blinking is observed, go to the <u>Advanced Diagnostics</u> Section to diagnose.
		Set the blower speed control to OFF , <i>confirm that the blower is off</i> .
	Blower speed control	Blower speed control Position the blower speed control to LOW then MEDIUM and then HIGH. <u>At each setting confirm that the blower speed increases</u> , do this by feeling for the amount of air coming from the unit and hearing the blower speed increase.
	Mode control	Set the MODE control to the DASH position. <u>Confirm that air is being blown at the dash vents.</u> Set the MODE control to the FLOOR position. <u>Confirm that air is being blown at the floor vents.</u> Set the MODE control to the DEFROST position. <u>Confirm that all air is being blown from the defrost vents</u>
		If heater lines are installed: Set the MODE control to the DASH position. Set the TEMP control to the MAX HEAT position. <i>Confirm that HOT</i> <i>air is coming from the dash vents.</i>
	Temperature control	<u>If system is charged:</u> Set the TEMP control to the MAX COOL position. <i>Confirm that <u>COLD</u> air is coming from the dash vents.</i>
		Also <i>confirm that the compressor "clicks" on</i> when adjusting the TEMP control from the MAX HEAT position to the MAX COOL position.
	AC Indicator (If applicable)	While the MODE control is set to the DASH position, and the TEMP control is set to the MAX COOL/MIN HEAT position, <i>confirm that the blue AC Indicator light is on</i> .
	Backlight (If applicable)	lf your control panel has backlight capabilities and has been wired, turn the dash lamp on and <u>confirm that the AC</u> <u>panel's legend is lit</u> .
	Fittings	Verify AC and Heater fittings are all tight.



ECU, Control Panel & Duct Hose Routing

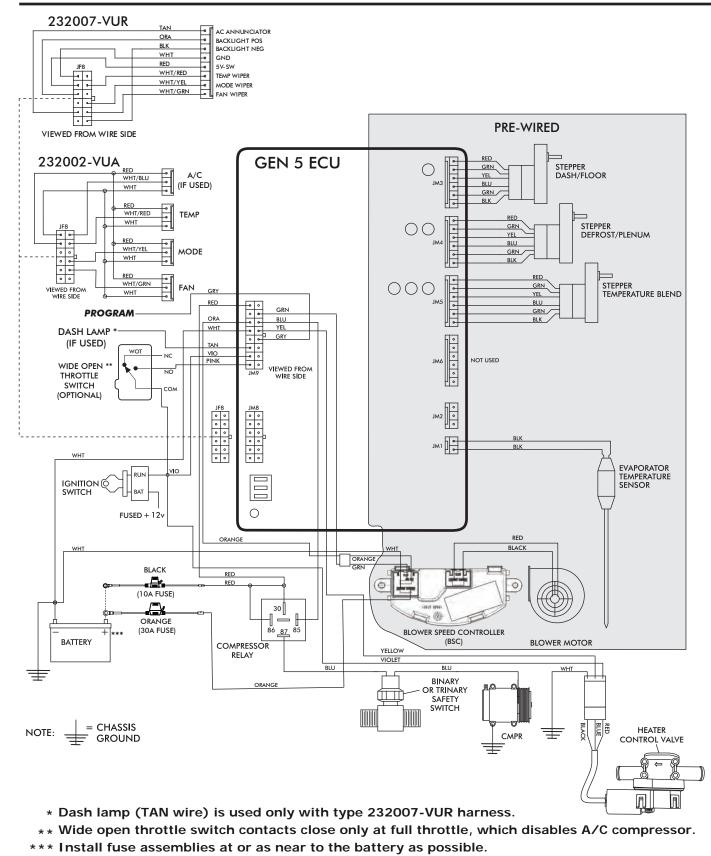
NOTE: For the system to function optimally, the duct hoses must be routed as directly as possible, taking care to avoid kinks, sharp bends and unnecessary length. Vintage Air supplies duct hoses in continuous lengths that will need to be cut to size depending on application. Before cutting, familiarize yourself with the installation instructions and verify the routing will work with your application. For custom hose routing, additional hose may be needed and can be purchased from Vintage Air.

1. Stretch the duct hose until there is no slack, measure, mark and cut hose to size (See Photo 1, below).

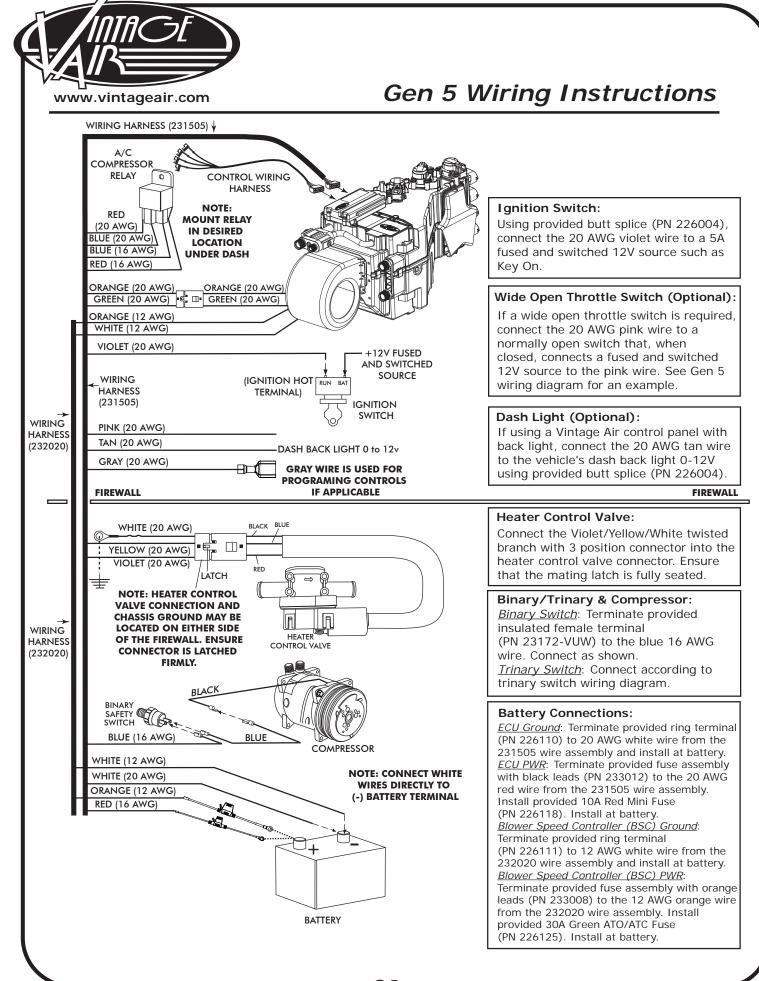




Gen 5 Wiring Diagram

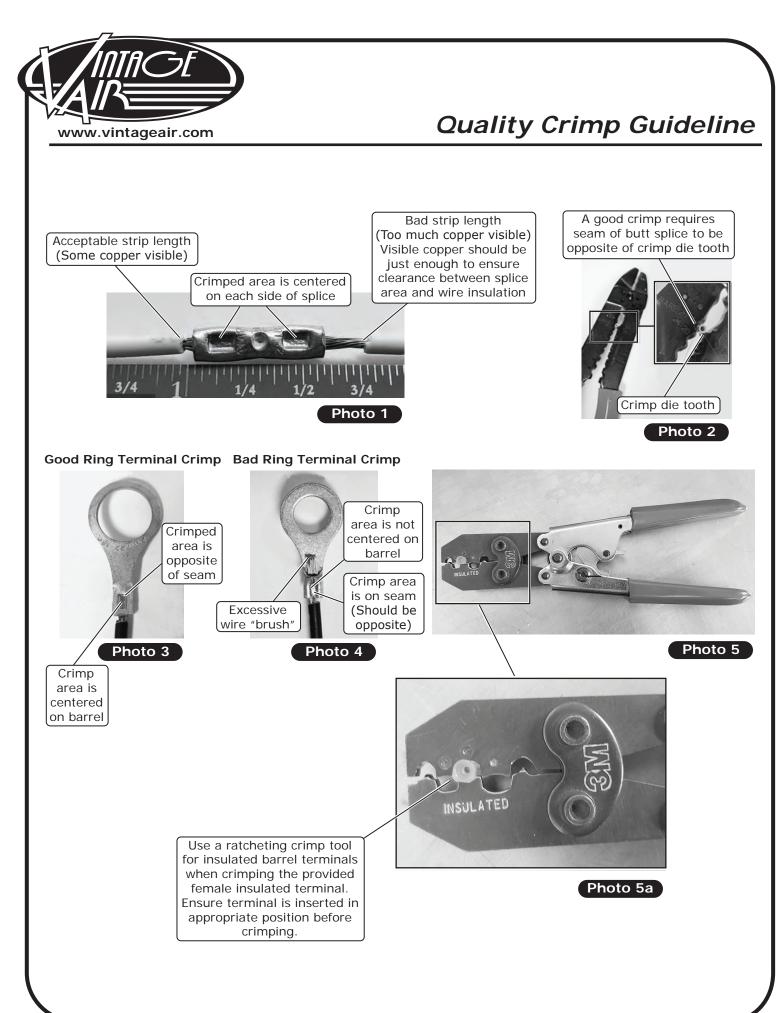


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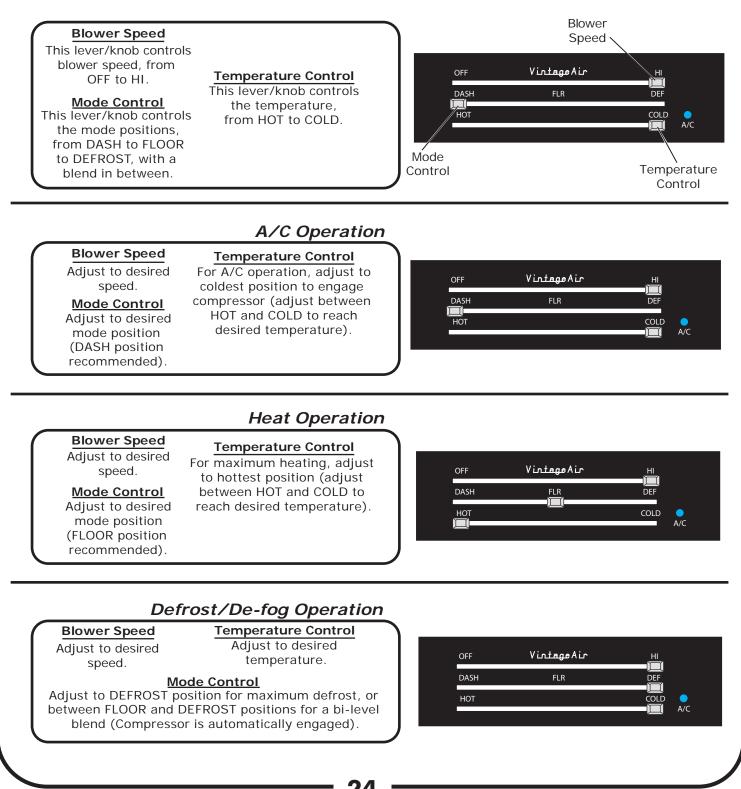
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Operation of Controls

On Gen IV or Gen 5 systems with three lever/knob controls, the temperature control toggles between heat and A/C operations. To activate A/C, move the temperature lever/knob all the way to cold and then back it off to the desired vent temperature. For heat operation, move the temperature lever/knob all the way to hot and then adjust to the desired vent temperature. The blower will momentarily change speed, each time you toggle in and out of heat and A/C operations, to indicate the change.



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Troubleshooting Guide

This printed troubleshooting guide is our basic guide that covers common installation problems. To see our advanced diagnostics and troubleshooting guide, please refer to the following page for instructions on how to download the complete guide.

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Symptom	Condition	Checks	Actions	Notes
1. Blower stays on	No other functions work.	Check for damaged pins or wires in the control panel wire assembly and mating header at ECU.	If found damaged, replace wire assembly or ECU.	
high speed with ignition on.	All other functions work.		→ If found damaged, replace wire assembly or ECU.	
		assembly and mating header at ECU. Check if Blower power fuse is blown.	▲ Replace fuse.	If fuse continues to blow, there is a serious problem in the wiring. Check all wiring and ensure the wire is not
	~ '	for a bad ECU GND.	Repair connection.	damaged and shorting out along its route.
N	▲System is not charged.	System must be charged for compressor to engage.	→ Charge system.	Danger: Never bypass safety switch with engine running. Serious injury can result.
Compressor will not turn on (All other functions work).		Check for faulty A/C potentiometer or associated wiring (not applicable to 3-pot controls).	Check continuity to ground on white control head wire. Check for 5V on red control head wire.	To check for proper pot function, check voltage at white/red wire. Voltage should be between OV and 5V, and will vary with pot
	► Dystem is criarged.	Check for disconnected or faulty thermistor.	→ Check 2-pin connector at ECU housing.	Plever position. Disconnected or faulty thermistor will cause compressor to be disabled.
3. Compressor will not turn off (All other functions		Check for faulty A/C potentiometer or associated wiring.	▲ Repair or replace pot/control wiring.	Red wire at A/C pot should have approximately 5V with ignition on. White wire will have continuity to the assis ground. White/
WOLK).		Check for faulty A/C relay.	★ Replace relay.	between 0V and 5V when lever is moved up or down.

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Symptom	Condition	Checks	Actions	Notes
4.	Works when engine is not running: shuts off when engine is started	Noise interference from either ignition or alternator.	Install capacitors on ignition coil and alternator. Ensure good ground at all points. Relocate coil and associated wiring away from ECU and ECU wiring. Check for burned or loose plug wires.	Ignition noise (radiated or conducted) will cause the system to shut down due to high voltage spikes. If this is suspected, check with a
System will not turn on, or runs intermittently.		Verify connections on power lead, ignition lead, and both white ground wires.	Check for power at ECU, and confirm ignition is being applied to ECU properly.	quality oscilloscope. Spikes greater than 16V will shut down the ECU. Install a radio capacitor at the positive post of the ignition
	Will not turn on under any conditions.	Verify battery voltage is becater than 10 volts and less than 16 while engine is running.	Verify proper meter function by checking the condition of a known good battery.	coll (see ractio capacitor installation bulletin). A faulty alternator or worn out battery can also result in this condition.
5. Loss of mode door function.	 ▲No mode change at all. 	Check for damaged mode switch or potentiometer and associated wiring.		
6. Blower turns on and off rapidly.	Battery voltage is at least 12V. Battery voltage is less than 12V.	Check for at least 12V at circuit breaker. Check for faulty battery or alternator.	 Ensure all system grounds and power connections are clean and tight. Charge battery. 	System shuts off blower at 10V. Poor connections or weak battery can cause shutdown at up to 11V.
7. Erratic functions of blower, mode, temp, etc.	Is of	Check for damaged switch or pot and associated wiring.	r →Repair or replace.	
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